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SGA LAUNCHES "YOUR UNION" CAMPAIGN IN EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF STUDENT REFERENDUM



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This photo rendering shows the proposed glass facade that would welcome visitors into the southwest section of the K-State Student Union.

House votes to cut budget for higher education

Austin Nichols
news editor

Republicans on the House Appropriations Committee approved a four percent reduction of funds for higher education in the state of Kansas. This would total \$29.2 million in reductions. K-State is looking at a \$6.6 million cut in their state funding.

"Higher education has been not a priority with the legislatures, and neither has any education as I've understood it."

Sydney Carlin
state representative for the 66th district

If the four percent reduction takes effect, K-State will see the largest reduction compared to the other Kansas universities and colleges. The University of Kansas will lose \$5.48 million. The reason K-State is set to lose the most funding is because K-State's budget is larger than the other schools in Kansas.

"It is not over yet," said Sydney Carlin, state representative for the 66th district.

The House and Senate have two different numbers in mind when it comes to cuts to higher education. The two legislative bodies will meet this week to discuss the final amount of cuts to higher education.

Carlin said the House version of the cuts includes a four percent reduction, while the Senate is discussing a two percent reduction.

"I think we are hopeful this might be different when it's finished," Carlin said. "The conference committees will start meeting this week and when that happens they will have a possibility of coming to a different agreement."

The committee deciding the overall amount of cuts will consist of three members of the House and three members of the Senate. Four of the six will be Republicans and two will be Democrats.

"There are going to be four Republicans and two Democrats, and they're all trying to help the governor get his tax cuts paid for," Carlin said. "And higher education has been not a priority with the legislatures, and neither has any education as I've understood it."

Since 1999, per student state funding has decreased by 40 percent, according to a capitol news release. Reductions in state funding to the universities result in increased tuition costs.

Carlin said she wished to ensure people that she did not vote for these cuts and is very upset that they are happening.

PLAN OF ACTION

Online voting on Union project to begin April 10

Darrington Clark
managing editor

In a few years, K-State's Student Union may brandish a sleek and contemporary new face. The decision to renovate the building, though passed by SGA, is now entirely up to the student body.

"Essentially, the Union is a student facility," said Brett Seidl, junior in journalism and mass communications and co-chair of the Your Union campaign. "It's a business, and just like the Rec, we're the ones who help fund it, which is why it's urgent for students to take action."

The Your Union campaign, which launched today, is an official push by SGA to spread awareness of the \$25 million renovation and expansion plan for the Union. If the referendum passes, construction on the Union would begin as early as next fall. The plan aims to tackle the Union's structural needs, such as outdated roofs and windows, as well as provide brand new entrances to the building. Several of these updates were decided by students.

"We've met with several groups on campus concerning the Union," Seidl said. "One major complaint that students voiced in the focus groups was that the Union was confusing to get around. This new entrance has a central area where you can access everything."

According to Seidl, the roof of the building is the main structural reason for the renovation. Seidl said the roof is out of warranty and is now too old to be insured. The roofs aren't the only things



photo rendering courtesy of Ayers Saint Gross

This photo rendering shows potential improvements that could be made to the first floor of the Union.

\$25 million project proposed for Union

Andy Rao
editor-in-chief

One of the most recognizable landmarks on the K-State campus will soon undergo a student referendum that could make it the site of a 5-year construction process worth \$25

million. Today, the Student Governing Association will launch the "Your Union" campaign in an effort to raise awareness of the proposal which would provide numerous upgrades to the K-State Student Union.

"This proposal basically will give a facelift to one of the most

important buildings on our campus," said Nate Spriggs, SGA president and senior in agricultural economics. "Not only will the project renovate parts of the Union that badly need fixing up,

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Asbestos discovered in Willard, Union ceiling, buildings around campus

Nathan Laudan
contributing writer

Recently, announcements about the dangers of asbestos on television, radio and the Internet have increased—especially its links with mesothelioma, a fatal form of cancer found in the linings of the lungs, abdomen and heart. Asbestos has often been linked with workplace environments such as shipyards, railroads and many remodeling and construction jobs. But this mineral fiber, a popular insulate and fire retardant, has impacted campus as well.

Recently, students may have begun to notice that the 4th floor or "attic" of Willard Hall is closed with a yellow sticker stating "Danger of Asbestos." This room, usually full of students, stands empty because of the threat.

This is not the only place that asbestos has been found at K-State. Division of facilities supervisor Larry McCoy confirmed cases of asbestos prevalent in the ceilings of the K-State Student Union and the base-

ment of Waters Hall to name a few.

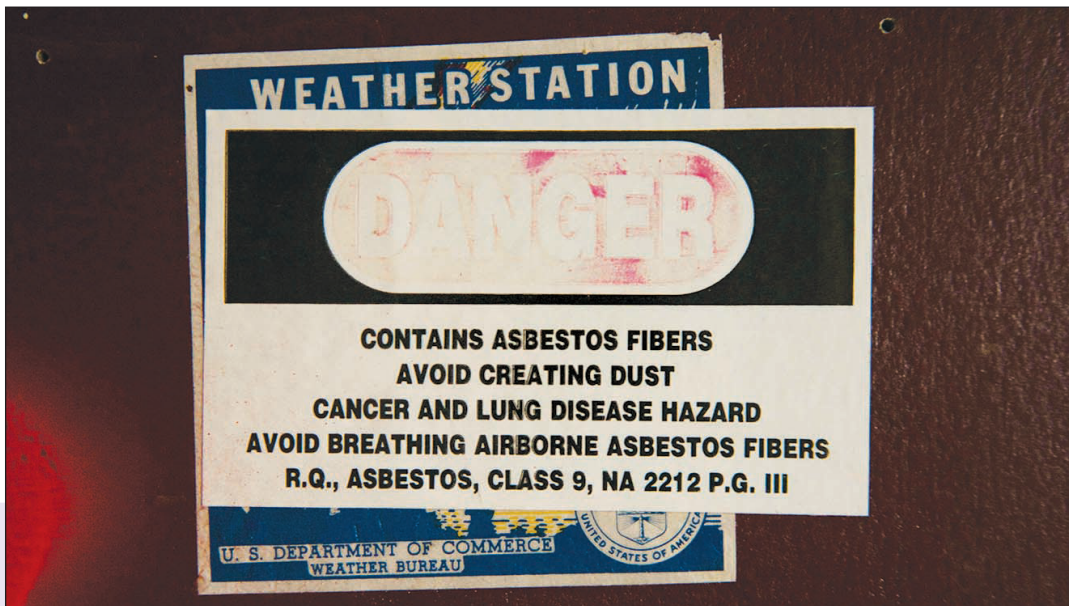
This doesn't come as a shock since many building materials such as insulation, ceiling tiles, roofing materials and shingles were built with the minerals that contain asbestos, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website.

The Union, in particular, has received more attention lately due to discussion of its remodel and potential expansion after research conducted to identify problems with the current building. After the discovery of the asbestos, Union employees were notified of its presence, but according to Jenni Jones, assistant director of greek affairs, employees were told, "it doesn't pose a

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Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: KINDLY CHOP DOWN SOME TREES IN YOUR OVERGROWN THICKET, OR I'M GONNA HAVE TO CULL THE COPSE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals N

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ARREST REPORTS

Thursday, March 21

Matthew Adam Steven-son, of Westmoreland, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Milton Lance Thomp-

son, of St. George, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Wendy Kaye Montgom-ery, of the 900 block of Colorado Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$557.79.

Matthew Walter Schoet-tle, of Fort Riley, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$185.

Friday, March 22

Jacqueline Joan Long, of Junction City, was booked for driving under the influ-ence. Bond was set at \$750.

Mary Jo Dean Evans, of Wamego, was booked for battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Roberto Antonio Rivera, of Hays, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Kenneth Ray Brown, of the 1500 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$903.

Matthew Gerard Sy-rokosz, of St. Marys, Kan.,

was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Saturday, March 23

Erin Casey Brown, of the 500 block of Laramie Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Nicholas Ryan Lillich, of the 900 block of Vattier Street, was booked for domestic battery and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Darrick Michael Masenthin, of the 900 block of Vattier Street, was booked

for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Michael Duane West-gate, of Clay Center, Kan., was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or re-voked license. Bond was set at \$500.

Andrew Wolfgang Dezess, of Junction City, was booked for misdemeanor theft. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Paul Edward Stauffer, of Richardson, Texas, was booked for aggravated bat-tery, criminal possession of a firearm, aggravated assault and aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Destiny Ann Melton, homeless, was booked for sale, distribution or cultiva-tion of opiates, opium, nar-cotic drugs or stimulants; possession of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or stimulants; possession of paraphernalia to grow or distribute marijua-na; use or possession of drug paraphernalia; no Kansas drug tax stamp; and driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$

Fatima Miesfer Al-gahtani, of the 1400 block of College Avenue, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

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Good season Cats. Disappointed in how it ended though.

Be honest: If you weren't brain-washed by atheists, would you believe that RANDOM forces could create an ORDERLY universe with ABSOLUTE laws of physics and logic and incredibly COMPLEX life forms?

Add \$20 to my privilege fee to pay for a student union that loses money each year? Why yes, I would love for SGA to go ahead and tack that on for me!

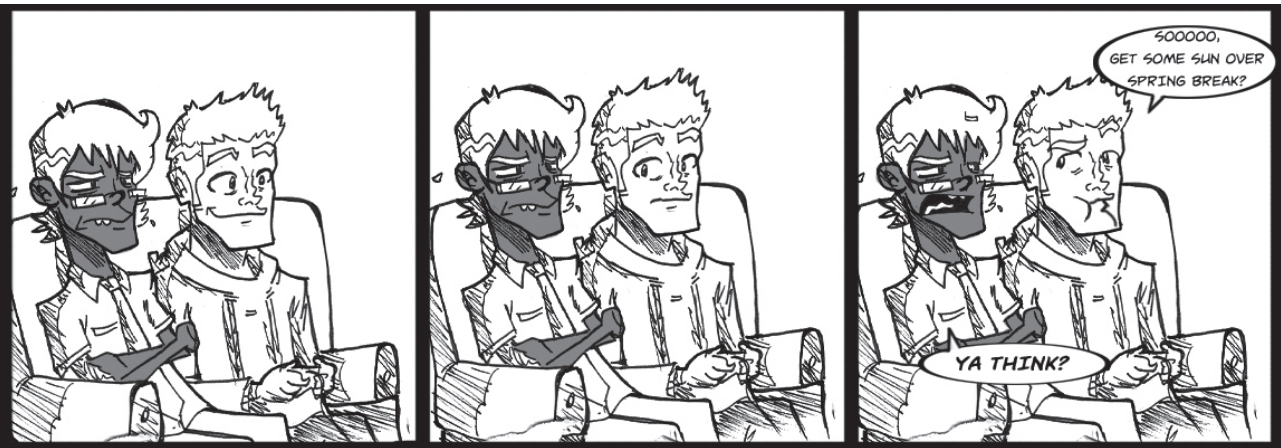
Whoever asked for cultural sen-sitivity for the Irish also doesn't know the Irish: the same people who celebrate Arthur Guinness day drinking take stereotypes of themselves and put them on a shirt and sell it.

Finally got to wear my Chubbies today, which reminds me that car-go shorts should be banned on this campus! Sky's out thighs out!

If you're hacking up a lung and smoking a cigarette at the same time, here's a little word of advice: put down the cigarette.

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threat as long as the ceilings aren't disturbed," Jones said.

She said there have been some restrictions on what the employees are allowed to do in the office because of the asbestos concern.

"I can't have any alterations to my office so that way we don't disturb it," Jones said.

Their office has taken precautions such as not having walls on their offices that go all the way up to the ceiling.

"It is too expensive to do anything about it right now," Jones said.

Even though Union employees were warned and have taken

the necessary precautions, they are not the building's only users.

Ben Brown, sophomore in agriculture economics who said he considers himself a frequent user of the Union, said he had no idea there was asbestos present.

"I probably visit at least once a day," Brown said.

When asked if he had any concerns for his own or other students' health, Brown said no.

"It's not like we live there or sleep there. But I would be concerned if I worked in one of the offices and was breathing it everyday," Brown said.

He also said that while he "isn't blaming anyone," something should be done to fix it.

Asbestos has been confirmed

in multiple buildings throughout K-State, but so far there have been no confirmed cases of disease or cancer linked back to campus buildings. Currently, the only confirmed remodeling efforts to rid these buildings of asbestos have been the talks about the Union remodeling project.

Fortunately for K-State students, asbestos-containing products and building materials are perfectly safe as long as they are not damaged or disturbed.

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Halo employs episodic gaming with “Spartan Ops”



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Halo 4: “Spartan Ops”
★★★★☆
Game review by Jerry Yaussi

“Halo 4” launched in November to critical acclaim. Since it was the first game in the “Halo” series developed by 343 Industries, there are many differences from the franchise’s previous incarnations. First among these is the inclusion of “Spartan Ops,” the series’ first foray into episodic gaming.

The original “Halo” trilogy, a series of first person shooter games developed by Bungie, depicted the protagonist known by the rank of Master Chief and his struggles to save humanity from a genocidal collective of aliens known as the Covenant. 343 Industries has since taken over the series, with “Halo 4” as their first work. The game chronicles the return of the Master Chief as he faces a new threat from the ancient past. Along with a new campaign and Halo’s famous multiplayer, 343 has included the episodic content “Spartan Ops,” which released new gameplay missions and cutscenes in the weeks following the

“Halo 4” initial release.

Episodic gaming (such as Telltale Games’ “The Walking Dead” series) is meant to keep players invested over a large amount of time with multiple installments

Every week, a new episode of “Spartan Ops” is released for “Halo 4.” This contains a visually beautiful cinematic prologue, and five gameplay missions, aka “chapters.” Season one consisted of ten episodes. The installments are free for Xbox LIVE Gold subscribers.

Set six months after the conclusion of the main campaign of “Halo 4,” “Spartan Ops” chronicles the UNSC (United Nations Space Command) Infinity’s return to Requiem to study the Forerunner structure and route the Covenant occupying it. Fireteams Majestic and Crimson take the lead roles on the battlefield, with both teams becoming the mode’s protagonists. Majestic takes the reigns in the pre-game cinematics, while up to four players control Crimson.

This brings us to the first problem “Spartan Ops” has: a lack of cohesion between the cinematics and the missions themselves. Clearly, Crimson are the protagonists gameplay-wise because they are meant to be blank slates for the

player to project themselves on, like past Halo protagonists. This means they can’t take part in cutscenes at all.

Because of their general lack of presence in the gameplay, Majestic never gets fully fleshed out, either. Gabriel Thorne is clearly supposed to be the protagonist of “Spartan Ops.” So many times, 343 comes close to making him a great character, but he never fully lives up to his potential. The other members of Majestic don’t really have any distinguishable qualities to speak of.

The two characters who steal the show in Spartan Ops are Dr. Halsey and Covenant leader Jul ‘Mdama. Both are familiar to fans of Halo’s expanded universe. Halsey has been been a mainstay in the universe since the beginning. Jul was introduced in the Kilo-Five Trilogy, and is arguably one of its best characters. After lacking character in the campaign, the Covenant is given so much more just by Jul’s inclusion, as he becomes one of Halo’s best villains. Halsey helps most of the season move forward, coming into conflict with most of the Infinity’s crew, who distrust her as a war criminal. And while her character’s

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Sci-fi novel “Ready Player One” announced as KSBN 2013 common book

Melanie Thomas
staff writer

The K-State Book Network has announced “Ready Player One” by Ernest Cline as the 2013-14 common book, which will be given to all freshmen and transfer students to read. “Ready Player One” is the fourth book that the KSBN has selected for the common book program, a part of K-State First that helps students transition from high school into college.

Tara Coleman, web services librarian and associate professor, is a member of the KSBN public relations subcommittee.

She explained that students will read “Ready Player One” in the summer and that some of their classes will incorporate the book in the fall.

“We want students to have an opportunity to connect with other people in academic ways, so if you are not a person who goes to sports, or maybe you don’t do any greek organizations, you’re still going to have the same book that other people have who are new to school as well, so that gives you a common connection,” Coleman said.

She said that another goal of the program is to help students think deeply and critically about

the book and have discussions about it.

“This book will give you an opportunity to kind of bridge what you might be doing for fun with what you’re going to be doing in class,” Coleman said.

According to the KSBN website, the book’s plot revolves around an open-source virtual reality called OASIS.

“When the creator of the OASIS dies, it is revealed that he has hidden three keys throughout the OASIS and the person to find them all will win millions

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Tara Coleman
member of the KSBN public relations subcommittee.

of dollars and own controlling stake in the company,” the website states. “Five years after the creator’s death, the protagonist Wade discovers the first key, which launches an international quest to find the others and own the OASIS.”

Coleman said that she is looking forward to students’ reactions to “Ready Player One” when incoming freshmen begin to read it this summer.

“I think it’s going to be a nice community-building book,” Coleman said.

She said she hopes students will involve their families in discussions about the book,

something Coleman said she observed with the first K-State common book, “The Hunger Games,” given to students in the 2010-11 academic year.

“When we give this book over the summer, I think it will be similar to ‘The Hunger Games.’ We got so many emails from parents who said, ‘Oh my God, this is a good book; we talked about it over the dinner table,’” Coleman said. “I think that’s a really good connection.”

Callie Farrell, sophomore in dietetics and gerontology, trans-

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Hitler statue in Poland offensive to victims, families



Meagan Miller

The statue “HIM” by Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan depicts Adolf Hitler, former leader of the Nazi party, kneeling and praying in what used to be a ghetto in Warsaw, Poland. According to a Dec. 28 Daily Mail article, the statue stands in the actual ghetto, where around 300,000 Jews were forced to live before being sent to concentration camps and in which many died during the Holocaust.

The beauty of anything is in the eye of the beholder. While one person praises a piece of art for its expression, someone else could be very offended by it. However, when it comes to serious issues, there is a clear line that shouldn’t be crossed. This statue crosses it.

At first, I thought there wasn’t anything in this statue that merited its inappropriate placement. Sensitivity for victims of this horrific tragedy and their loved ones is more important than expressing a message through artwork.

Although it raised a tremendous controversy, many applauded and defended the artwork and understood the positive messages it could send. The statue illustrates a youthful, innocent Hitler and supposedly explores topics of life and death, good and evil. It suggests that Hitler could have roots of a good nature and could be forgiven.

Gerry Craig, art professor and head of the art department at K-State, said that such artwork could raise valuable questions and conversations.

“I don’t think it is a simple question of expression or offense,” Craig said. “The role of art is to express the complicated nuances of human conditions.”

She said that even though Hitler was evil in the most unimaginable ways, he was also an innocent child at some point. Craig described other instances of controversial art and noted that it was hard to prevent people from being offended. After talking to Craig, I can understand how, while offensive, the statue has artistic merit.

“Art is bound to offend someone,” Craig said. “There are many things I find offensive, but that does not mean I don’t want them to be part

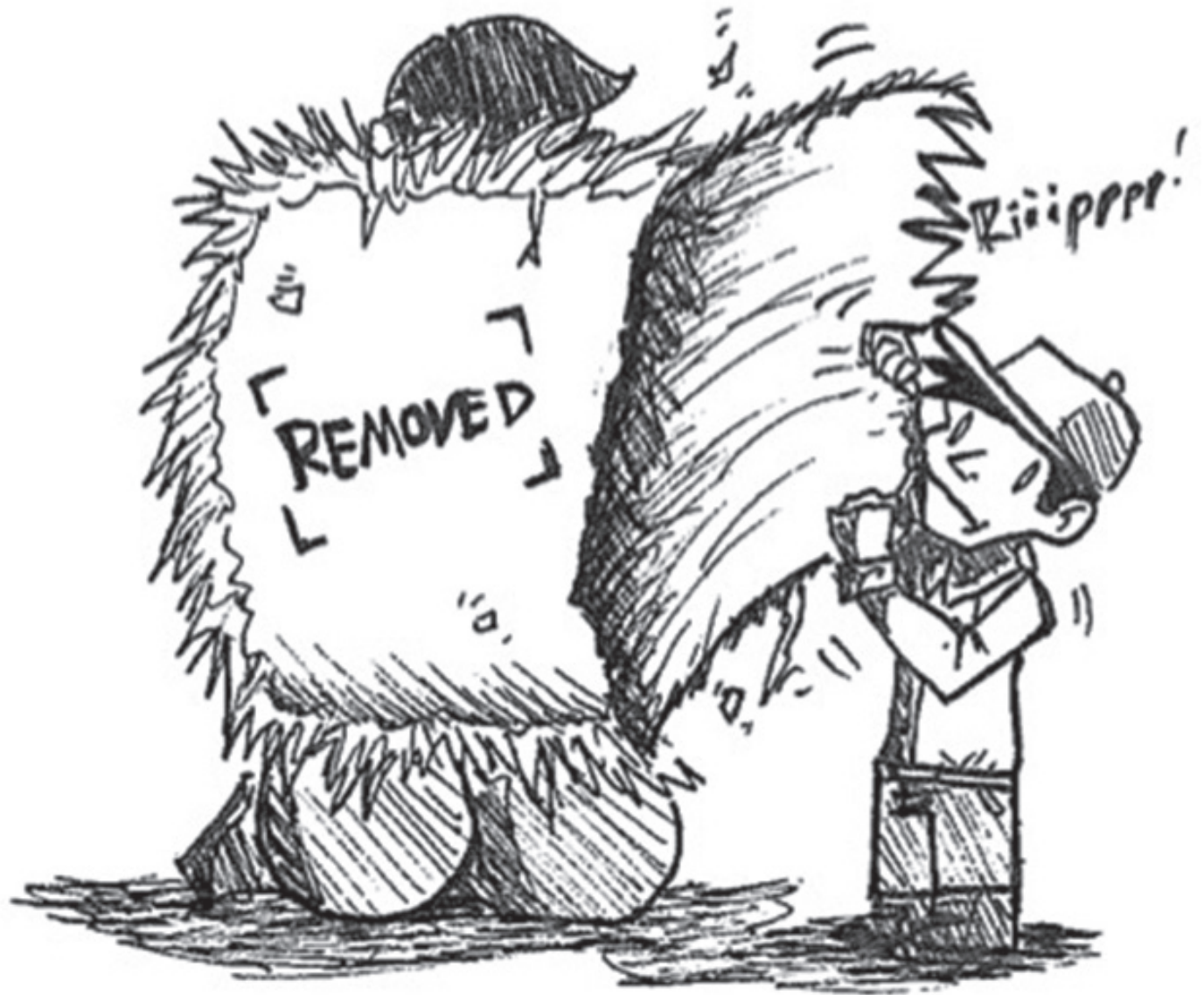


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of daily life.”

While I see her point, if it were up to me I would still have the statue removed. Although the conversations this piece creates could be beneficial, I don’t think this is the place for people to have them. It is disrespectful to survivors of the event and their families who had to live through the consequences of this man’s actions.

I decided to ask a few people who had more direct knowledge on the statue and its potential impact. Jakub Jedryszek, international graduate student in computer science, was born in Jelenia Góra and grew

up in Wroclaw, Poland before he came to the U.S. He has been to Warsaw twice.

“We were taught a lot about World War II and the Holocaust in Poland. I can see how the statue crosses the line of what is appropriate to those who are offended,” Jedryszek said. “Offensive things like this make that line wider—especially for older people who may be more impacted by the events and offended.”

Betsy Jacob, freshman in open-option, is Jewish and said she does not appreciate “HIM.”

“At first, I was really offended,”

Jacob said. “It is Hitler praying where he crammed and killed millions of people, including my ancestors.”

However, after reading and analyzing the statue and the various responses it got, Jacob was open-minded to the discussions it could raise.

I understand how different age groups and types of people can react very differently to “HIM.” My belief that the statue is offensive has to do with my respect for older generations, who would be significantly offended. Although getting other opinions opened my mind

to the validity of the discussions it could raise, my mind was already made up.

“It’s important that we forgive but don’t forget,” Jacob said. “If we forget about what Hitler did, history will repeat itself.”

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Obesity: ‘the foremost health issue in America’ spreading overseas

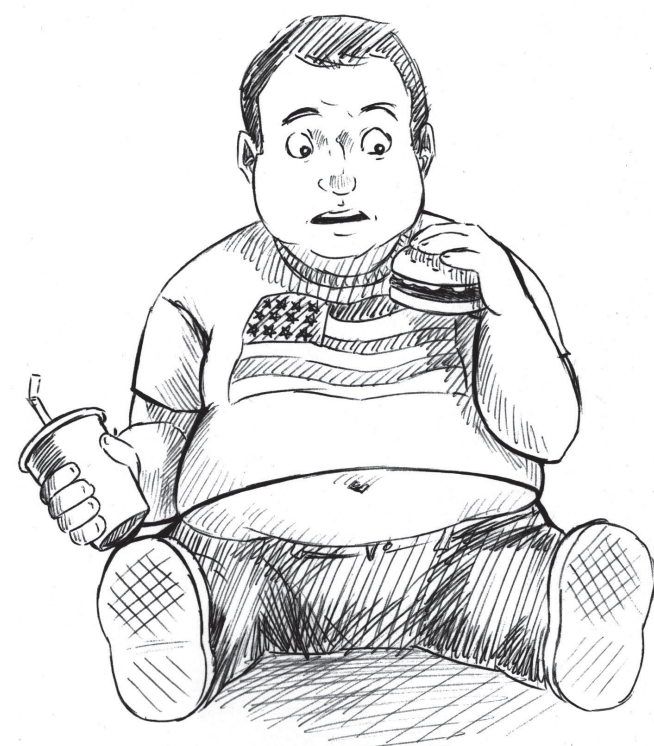
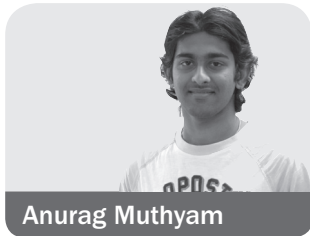


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Anurag Muthyam

Every country has its own problems with diseases, and the prime problem for America is obesity. Unfortunately, America is exporting its problem and it is starting to affect other countries. Why is this happening, and how should we change our food habits? It’s not too hard if we just follow the proper steps.

Obesity is the foremost health issue in America, and obesity rates have been rising every year. It is mainly caused by lack of physical exercise combined with the intake of too many calories, especially from foods with higher fat content, such as pizza, fries and burgers. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), obesity is also influenced by genetics and behaviors—for example, children who watch television for long periods tend to have a higher risk for obesity.

The CDC projects that 44 percent of Americans will be obese by 2030. In addition, according to an article by

reuters.com, there will be as many as 7.9 million new cases of diabetes per year (compared to 1.9 million new cases in recent years). The increasing burden of illness will go right to the bottom line, adding \$66 billion in annual obesity-related medical costs. According to the National Institutes of Health, being overweight also leads to complex health issues such as strokes, cancers, dyslipidemia, liver and gallbladder disease and menstrual problems.

Often we think obesity is a problem that “America” has and Manhattan doesn’t, so let’s talk about what’s right here at K-State. I have seen many students drive to campus even though they live right next to it. It makes sense to use a car in the winter season, but they are otherwise unnecessary. You don’t need a car to go to the Rec or to campus.

Apparently, students are also too lazy to bother walking up a flight of stairs. I’ve observed many students use elevators to go up just one or two floors. Watch when you’re next in Hale Library, Fairchild or Throckmorton. While we’re young, such habits might not affect us, but they will in the long run. If I were you, whether I had money or not, I would prefer bikes and staircases to laziness and poor health.

Americans eat more than they should. According to the USDA in a Jan. 2011 article on livestrong.com, the av-

erage American daily calorie intake was 2,234 in 1970 and 2,757 in 2003. This is an increase of 523 calories consumed per day. If Americans don’t change their everyday food habits, it could be very dangerous not only for them but also for the generations for whom they are setting an example.

In my opinion, it’s not just Americans who have been dealing with obesity—the rest of the world struggles as well. However, America is exporting obesity to many countries through food companies like McDonald’s, KFC and Burger King. Other countries are starting to take a liking to fast foods and to show the same habits of laziness, lack of self-control, and lack of health-consciousness that led to America’s obesity problem. The government needs to take steps to control obesity because it’s not just America that’s being affected anymore.

I’m pretty certain that no one who is obese likes being so, but it takes a lot of effort to get rid of this disease. It may not affect you now, but obesity in the long-run means there are bad times ahead. Do something about it now. It’s time to take the stairs, tie up your laces and climb.

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Cheating definition varies, should be discussed between partners



Logan Falletti

Relationships are anything but static. Partners change and people change partners. They meet on cross-country adventures and at their local coffee shops, in online chats and at parties. Few cardinal rules of romance have survived the test of time, and one is under scrutiny yet again. What constitutes faithfulness to a partner? Where, in this amorphous blob of love stuff, is the cheating line actually drawn?

Recent studies show mixed results. In a study conducted jointly by ChristianMingle and JDate, 2,700 singles, both religious and secular, were asked their definitions of cheating. The results showed that women are more likely to consider intangibles (emotional conversations, deepening friendships, intimate phone calls and inside jokes) cheating than men are. Men are more physically oriented, scoring sex and passionate kissing high on the list of infidelities.

The law draws the line at sex. Essen-

tially everyone seems to agree on this.

The survey states that 95 percent of men and 100 percent of women think that sex with someone other than the spouse is cheating. Massachusetts still has a law that states adultery is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 2-3 years or a \$500 fine; 21 other states also list adultery as punishable by a fine. In divorce courts, adultery may have bearing on the case.

At the heart of a relationship is the trust partners have in each other when sharing intimacy. Without trust, partners are afraid to invest anything of value in one another, producing only a hollow bond. While they may be physically intimate, a deeper relationship can’t grow until boundaries are set. Cheating is the deprivation of some sort of intimacy in a relationship. To feel cheated, people must be missing out on something they value.

To determine what cheating means to you, you must first determine what you consider valuable in a relationship. For me, what is valuable is intellectual conversation. If he can’t define the difference between a utopia and a dystopia as illustrated by George Orwell’s “1984” and Aldous Huxley’s “Brave New World,” he’s out. However, proximity is less of an issue. If I can call and talk to my partner, it makes me comparably happy as to when he’s in the room. I can handle other women at the house he shares with his roommates

when I’m not there, but the minute she expresses her views on the “Thomas Theorem,” things get real.

Celia Walden wrote an article for “The Telegraph” on Jan. 28 in which she threatened to divorce Piers Morgan because of his Twitter addiction, saying it felt like “more than three million” people in her marriage. She obviously values her limited one-on-one time with her spouse and their daughter. She sees sharing that intimacy with other people as cheating on her.

The only way to define cheating in a relationship is to sit down and define it with your partner(s) face to face, so that all nonverbal cues and nuances can be noted. Talk about everything that could possibly affect your ideas of intimacy: keeping in touch with exes, watching pornography, non-work-related emails, dancing at clubs, text and email etiquette, even non-holiday presents to persons of the attracted gender. When someone starts to look uncomfortable, you have found the line. And if you break up, be ready to do it again.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

La Salle takes out Wildcats

Adam Suderman
staff writer

Having made their way into the second round of the March Madness tournament following a First Four victory over Boise State, No. 13 seed La Salle entered Friday's game against K-State as the widely-considered underdog.

The details had lined up perfectly for the No. 4 seeded Wildcats. After finishing the season with their first piece of a Big 12 Championship in 36 seasons, the Wildcats were rewarded with an opportunity to start NCAA Tournament play in familiar territory.

With packs of purple flowing into the gates of the Sprint Center in Kansas City,

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LaSalle players celebrate after their victory over K-State during Friday's game in Kansas City, Mo. The Cats lost 63-61 after overcoming a 17-point deficit in the second half.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

K-State to host Redbirds

Mark Kern
sports editor

After senior guard Brittany Chambers' incredible performance against Texas Southern, in which she scored a school record 42 points, the Wildcats (15-16 Big 12 Conference) will look to continue their path in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) tonight against the Illinois State Redbirds (24-10).

Not only did Chambers set a school record for points in a game, but her 690 points on the season is also the top in school history.

K-State will look for Chambers to keep up the scoring as they play host to a balanced Redbird offensive attack that has three players scoring double-figures.

Senior guard Jamie Russell paces the team with 14.4 points and 3.1 rebounds per game, and is the catalyst of Illinois' offensive attack. Her ability to stay in control and keep her composure is a huge factor behind the Redbirds' success this season.

As has been the case all season, the Wildcats, with a lack of size, have struggled to win the battle in the paint. They will have their hands full against 6-foot-2-inch sophomore Janae Smith, who averages 13.4 points and eight rebounds per game.

K-State has won three straight games against teams other than Baylor. The winner of this game will advance to the Sweet 16 of the post-season NIT. Opening tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum.


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Senior guard Brittany Chambers prepares to pass the ball past opposing freshman guard Brady Sanders during the Wildcats' 68-47 victory over the visiting Longhorns on Feb. 13 in Bramlage Coliseum. Chambers finished with a game-high 24 points.



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9	Missouri (72)	Oregon (74)	Oregon
5	Oklahoma St. (55)	Saint Louis (57)	Saint Louis (57)
12	Oregon (68)	Memphis (48)	Memphis (48)
4	Saint Louis (64)	Michigan St. (70)	Michigan St. (70)
13	New Mexico St. (44)	Creighton (50)	Creighton (50)
6	Memphis (54)	Duke (66)	Duke (66)
11	Saint Mary's (52)		
3	Michigan St. (65)		
14	Valparaiso (54)		
7	Creighton (67)		
10	Cincinnati (63)		
2	Duke (73)		
15	Albany (61)		

WEST

1	Gonzaga (64)	Gonzaga (70)	Gonzaga (70)
16	Southern Univ. (58)	Wichita St. (76)	Wichita St. (76)
9	Pittsburgh (55)	Ole Miss (38)	Ole Miss (38)
8	Wichita St. (73)	La Salle (40)	La Salle (40)
5	Wisconsin (46)	Arizona (74)	Arizona (74)
12	Ole Miss (57)	Harvard (51)	Harvard (51)
4	Kansas St. (61)	Iowa St. (75)	Iowa St. (75)
13	La Salle (63)	Ohio St. (78)	Ohio St. (78)
6	Arizona (81)		
11	Belmont (64)		
3	New Mexico (62)		
14	Harvard (68)		
7	Notre Dame (58)		
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2	Ohio St. (95)		
15	Iona (70)		

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CHAMPIONSHIP

Second round
Third round
Sweet 16
Elite 8
Final 4

March 21-22
March 28-29
March 30-31
April 6
April 8

SOUTH

Kansas (70)	Kansas (64)	1
North Carolina (58)	Western Kentucky (57)	16
VCU (53)	North Carolina (78)	8
Michigan (78)	Villanova (71)	9
Florida (78)	VCU (88)	5
FGCU (81)	Akron (42)	12
	Michigan (71)	4
	South Dakota St. (56)	13
	UCLA (63)	6
	Minnesota (64)	11
	Florida (79)	3
	San Diego St. (70)	14
	Oklahoma (55)	10
	Georgetown (68)	2
	FGCU (78)	15

EAST

Indiana (83)	Indiana (83)	1
Temple (52)	James Madison (62)	16
California (60)	North Carolina St. (72)	8
Syracuse (66)	Temple (76)	9
Marquette (74)	UNLV (61)	5
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	Syracuse (81)	4
	Montana (34)	13
	Butler (68)	6
	Bucknell (56)	11
	Marquette (59)	3
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Top 5 memorable moments from 2012-13 season

Adam Suderman
staff writer

With the conclusion of the Wildcats' basketball season, here is a look at the top five most memorable moments from this year.

No. 1—Three seniors become the winningest class in K-State history against Texas Tech. Even outside of breaking the record for career victories, the trio of Rodney McGruder, Jordan Henriquez and Martavious Irving helped guide the Wildcats to impressive heights throughout their careers. In a game in which the Wildcats were challenged with staying in the conference race with their in-state rivals, the trio gained their 97th victory and also became the fourth straight senior class to win at least 90 games. Sophomore forward Thomas Gipson helped iron out the victory for the Wildcats by scoring a season-high 20 points against the Red Raiders. Henriquez was unable to attend the game due to family circumstances in New York, but the Wildcats held strong in the paint despite his absence. After struggling for much of the game, K-State worked off of a 33-11 scoring run to pull away with a 75-55 victory. The senior trio finished with 101 career victories and left a lasting impression for years to come.

"These two [Henriquez and McGruder] and Tay have left a legacy with the most wins in history for K-State seniors, first championship in 36 years, and it's just disappointing it has to end," said coach Bruce Weber, following K-State's season ending loss to La Salle. "I can't appreciate more what the seniors have done for our staff, and how they bought in."

No. 2—With several games at closer than expected margins, K-State was met with large amounts of skepticism for its Dec. 22, 2012 game against the then-ranked No. 8 Florida Gators. The Wildcats saw the importance of the game and pulled in a very impressive win against their SEC competition. It was the first victory for the Wildcats against a top 10 team since the 1981-1982 team defeated No. 8 Minnesota on Dec. 12, 1981. The Wildcats held two of the better guards in the country, seniors Kenny Boynton and Mike Rosario, to just 16 combined points on 5-20 shooting. Junior guard Will Spradling reeled in a career performance to go along with the team defensive intensity and finished with 17 points on the night. Weber said that Spradling's ability to pick up the new offensive system introduced by the first year staff was crucial in the victory.

"For Will, as far as somebody ticking up our system, he has done the best job," Weber said following the win at the Sprint Center. "He has a great feel for what we want. I

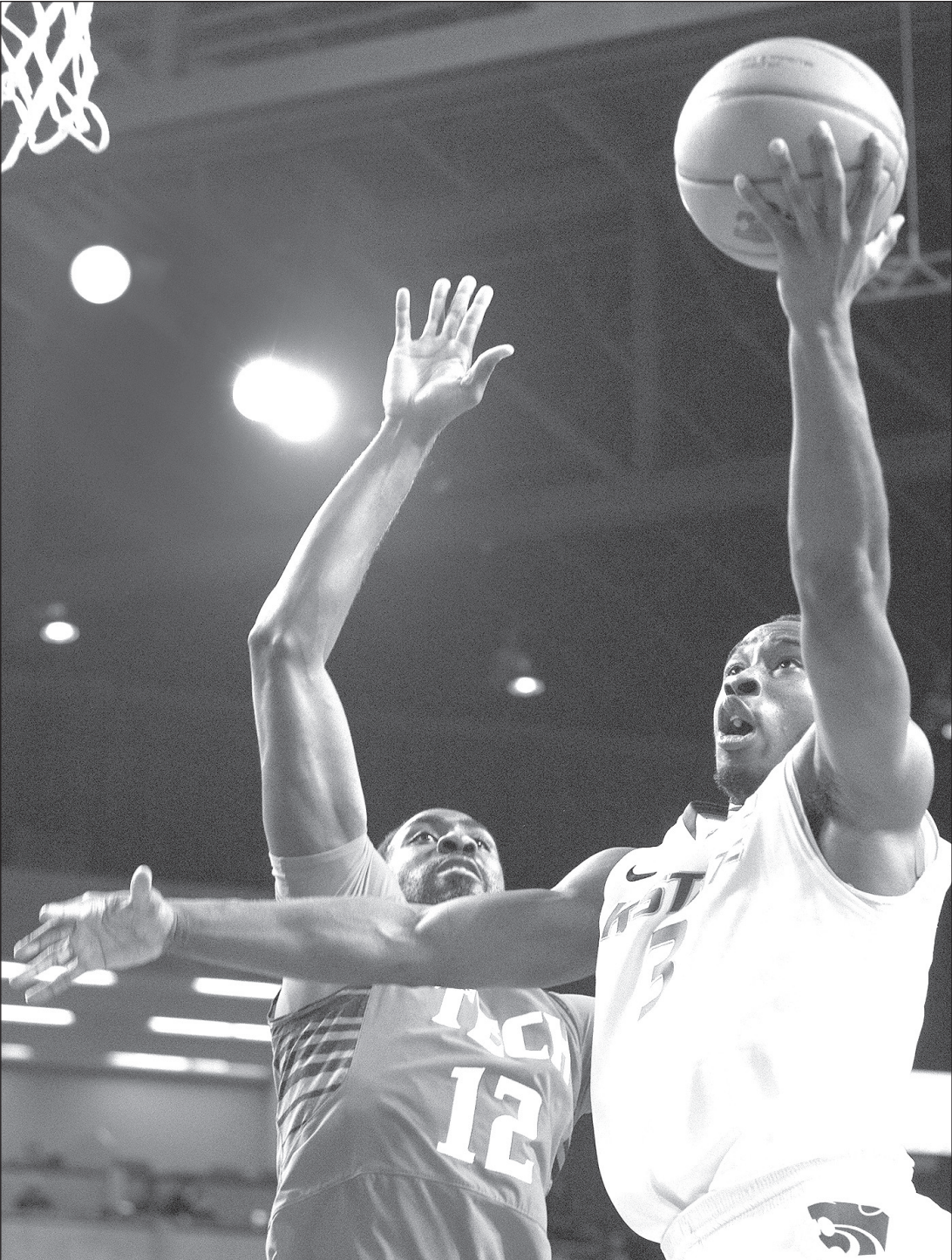
thought he got moving tonight. We talked about the magic level, and he got moving a little and he hit a couple shots and after that, you start feeling good about yourself."

No. 3—After completing a non-conference slate that had a number of up and down moments, the Wildcats faced an Oklahoma State team that had been viewed as one of the favorites for a Big 12 Championship and a potential NCAA Tournament run. The Cowboys were led by talented freshman point guard Marcus Smart and had a number of impressive victories on their resume heading into the Jan. 5 matchup in Manhattan. The Bramlage Coliseum crowd was rocking and the Wildcats limited a strong offensive team to just 27.3 percent shooting from behind the arc. Although impressive, it didn't overtake the importance of guard Rodney McGruder's second half dominance. The senior rattled in 26 second half points and teamed up with sophomore forward Nino Williams to score 45 of K-State's 67 points.

"It was really big," said McGruder following the win over the top-ranked Cowboys. "Coach stressed that there are only three ranked teams in our conference—one being ourselves—along with Oklahoma State and Kansas. That was actually my first win since I have been here of conference play for the first game. So it's a great feeling."

No. 4—The battle for the conference championship was high all throughout the season with K-State, Kansas and Oklahoma State all in position to win a share late into the season. After Kansas's earlier win earlier on March 2, K-State was given the task of winning a game in a difficult environment in Waco, Texas. It's in those moments where a team can count on one of its most prolific scorers in school history, and that's exactly what happened. With the game tied at 64, Baylor head coach Scott Drew made the decision to bring in non-rotation player senior Jacob Neubert to make a full court pass with few seconds remaining. Unfortunately for the Bears, the ball went untouched on the playing floor. That set up the Wildcats for one last attempt in regulation and it was Rodney McGruder's time to shine. Sophomore point guard Angel Rodriguez found the senior on the top of the key, and McGruder gave the Wildcats a much needed victory as well as a highlight that has been played on a large number of television networks throughout the rest of the season.

No. 5—How K-State was able to maintain its defensive dominance from the last few seasons and build itself around head coach Bruce Weber's motion offense was an under-



Senior guard Martavious Irving goes past Texas Tech junior forward Kader Tapsoba for a shot during the Wildcats' 75-55 win over the visiting Red Raiders on Feb. 25, 2013 at Bramlage Coliseum. With the win, Irving, Jordan Henriquez, and Rodney McGruder became the winningest class and ended the season with 101 wins.

standably large question. Although they had a few mistakes along the way, the Wildcat defense brought their intensity game after game. Winning at home is one thing, but being able to clinch a victory in the final seconds of a road game is absolutely crucial. Junior guard Shane Southwell and sophomore point guard

Angel Rodriguez were at the forefront in two games that helped pave the way for a share of the Big 12 Championship. In Morgantown on Jan. 12, Southwell was the hero. Two free throws with under 25 seconds left in the game gave the Wildcats a 65-64 edge. With one last possession left, Southwell finished it off by blocking

Mountaineer guard Gary Browne's layup and giving the Wildcats the win. Despite the early loss in the NCAA Tournament, it was still an incredible season for the Wildcats. While the greatest senior class in K-State history will be missed, the cupboard is not bare. Look for the Wildcats to have another good season next year.

BASEBALL

Cats have winning weekend

Sean Frye
staff writer

The K-State Wildcats finished off their last spring break series on Saturday with a 6-3 win in a snow-shortened game against the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats. K-State also won both games of Friday's double-header 12-0 and 9-2. Saturday's game was halted in the seventh inning due to snow.

Over the course of the sweep, K-State pitchers sophomore Nate Williams, senior Joe Flattery and sophomore Matt Wivinis each earned wins, with Wivinis going the full seven innings in Saturday's game.

With the wins, K-State's record currently sits at 16-8. The Wildcats are at the tail end of a 19-game homestand. A one-game matchup against the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Tuesday is all that's left before the team heads to Waco, Texas for a series with the Baylor Bears.

The series with Baylor will be the second Big 12 series of the year for K-State; the Wildcats won two of three games against West Virginia earlier in the homestand.

Tuesday's game is scheduled for a 6:30 p.m. first pitch.



Jordan Henriquez watches the final minutes of the loss at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo. on Friday in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Henriquez had a double-double, but it was not enough for the Wildcats to defeat La Salle.

LA SALLE | K-State fails in first half

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Mo. on Friday (and a surprisingly large backing from the early arriving Jayhawk fans), an environment had set itself up that surely would engulf the Explorers out of the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Quicker than any fan could finish their nachos, La Salle knocked in its first three 3-pointers. With that, what most of K-State's contingent saw as a quick start for their No. 13 seeded opponents proved to be too steep of a hill to climb.

Early opportunities fell out of the Wildcats' grasp, and in a first half in which the Explorers shot nearly 60 percent from the field, K-State found themselves an earlier than expected departure from the city of fountains.

A desperate shot attempt from sophomore point guard Angel Rodriguez is all K-State could muster in the final seconds of its second round loss.

As its winningest senior class in program history graduates, K-State is forced to rebound from a loss that will likely be debated and interpreted differently for years to come.

"It's the worst feeling in the world," said senior guard Rodney McGruder. "It's the last time I'll play a game, you know, in a K-State uniform; the last time I'll be on a team with some of my teammates I have now. It just

hurts to go out the way we did."

No matter which way it's looked at, K-State simply didn't bring its best offensive or defensive game in the first half of play on Friday. Facing a 26-44 half-time deficit in a tournament that is known for its upsets is a battle a high seed never wants to face.

In a year where upsets have been occurring as often as a windy day in the state of Kansas, few surprises should have been expected in the most unpredictable sporting event of the year.

Although the seeding said otherwise, the Wildcats faced a La Salle that not only picked the best time of the season to play its best half of basketball, but could have likely played its first NCAA tournament game in 21 seasons at a higher seed.

Able to withstand a 28-12 run in which the Wildcats took a 57-56 lead with 7:09 left in the game, the Explorers went unphased by the Wildcats and their growing fan support.

The Explorers followed the path built by their conference cohorts and finished a clean sweep of their first and second round opponents.

"They're very talented," said K-State head coach Bruce Weber. "They come at you in a lot of different ways. Obviously they jumped on us. I hope our guys understood how good they were. I mean, just look at the record of the A-10, 5-0 coming into this game, now 6-0. We tried to emphasize that to them."

Obvious disappointment has settled in and will likely remain as K-State progresses from its Friday finale.

With lower seeds advancing from K-State's region, some might wonder where the Wildcats could have gone, but, as Weber said, no complaints can be made.

"We can't complain. We had the advantage of an extra day off; playing a Friday, playing in Kansas City," Weber said. "Whoever you play, you got to play. It's a special time of the year. You hope you play your best at the end. I thought we played pretty well for the last 16 [minutes] of the last 20. That last four we just didn't get enough to find a way to win. I guess it's the excitement of the tournament. That's why you have it. That's why you play the games."

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UNION | Renovations could ‘leave a legacy for future K-State students’

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that need touching up, either. “Things like cooking and catering facilities are really out of date, and there aren’t funds to replace them,” Seidl said. “Furnishings are deteriorating and the majority of the windows are original, from the 1950s. You can really tell when you look up at the meeting rooms.” Those meeting rooms are utilized by a variety of student organizations. Evan McMican, junior in marketing and recruitment president for Delta Chi fraternity, said that the current Union served them well, but a renovation could only help. “As is, the Union has been perfect for our size, but I know of some organizations that have had an issue with space,” McMican said. “The Big 12

Room has accommodated our needs, but everyone wants new things and [the renovation] would only make our meetings more professional.” Students will have the opportunity to vote on the renovation/expansion referendum on April 10 and 11 on the SGA elections website, sgaelections.ksu.edu. At least 60 percent of the votes must approve the plan for it to go into action, and up to \$20 will be added to students’ privilege fees if the plan is approved. To some students, this is a more than reasonable price. “Right now, we have a nice campus, but I think the Union is pretty ugly,” said Zach Stroth, sophomore in family studies and human services. “It’s outdated and not an accurate representation of what K-State is. We do need more

meeting places, and we would gain back revenue from more space.” Seidl said that the Your Union campaign is focused on improving current student life, but is also integral in leaving a legacy for future K-State students. “A lot of the things on campus are there because students paid it forward. We’re using Hale Library, which students paid for without seeing it for almost 15 years,” Seidl said. “For me, it means future K-Staters will have the same, if not greater, opportunities as we did.” Other students agree that the Union deserves some remodeling, and they have no inhibitions about paying for it. “Making our campus nicer only adds to the value of the degree we earn here,” McMi-

can said. “I think that \$20 is a fair price. We got our Union because of past students adding to their own privilege fees.” Since the decision to renovate the Union does come down to a student vote, Seidl said that some students, especially upperclassmen, may vote against the movement because they would be forced to pay for something that they wouldn’t be able to experience. “If it passes, the process would start immediately, with construction starting early as next fall, so that leaves a lot of students that might not be students when all of this is taking place,” Seidl said. “I can see that being a reason why people wouldn’t vote for it. Freshman and sophomore classes would be the only classes that would vote on it, pay for it and be here

to see some of those changes happen.” Students will have to deal with the Union’s expenses at some point, according to Seidl. He said that the Your Union campaign was the best way to deal with the situation in advance. “A major selling point of this campaign is that students will have to pay to fix the building now or later, so the longer we wait, the more we pay for upkeep on roof and increased air and heating cost because of the windows. We might as well do it now and cut the costs before they keep growing,” Seidl said. To increase the dialogue between SGA and the student body, the Your Union campaign is hosting two informational forums with Q&A sessions in the Union Little

Theatre that students are encouraged to attend. One will be held Thursday at 5:30 p.m., and the other will be on April 8 at 1 p.m. The campaign website, www.k-state.edu/yourunion, as well as their Facebook and Twitter pages, have launched today as well. Seidl said he hopes to engage the whole university in communication about the campaign. Despite the slight rise in cost, Seidl said that the lasting effect will be what matters. “I know that tuition is high, and we get that,” Seidl said. “Tuition does seem to rise every year, but those things are out of our control. This is a separate thing that will make a big difference. The Union is the living room of campus. It’s the least we can do to contribute to the future generations.”



A rendering of the proposed renovations to the Union courtyard and portions of the first floor. The expansion would provide additional space for potential businesses to rent out from the university. Among the businesses interested are FedEx and Apple. In addition to increasing revenue streams, the Union would also provide more space for classrooms and meeting locations for student organizations.

FUNDS | Project to be financed by student privilege fee, state-backed bonds

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but it will also include an expansion of the east side of the building where we would have more space to include additional classrooms, meeting space and room to attract outside businesses and vendors to rent space out.” Improvements also include a brand new entrance on the southwest side that would add a sleeker, more modern look using a glass facade and more windows, which would allow for more natural lighting. While the proposal is bound to generate excitement, the project is also contingent upon a student vote on the funding process, which would include a \$20 increase to the semesterly student privilege fees paid by students who attend classes on the Manhattan campus.

The online vote will take place April 10-11 and will need a 60 percent affirmative vote of all ballots cast for the project to be officially approved. “Although we would have to increase the privilege fee, it would just be a flat increase,” Spriggs said. “So instead of paying the \$370 that we paid this past semester, we would be paying \$390. There’s a lot of value in this deal.” In addition to the increase in privilege fee, Spriggs said that the university will issue state-backed bonds which will serve as a loan to fund the rest of the renovations and expansion. These bonds, which will mature over 30 years, will be directly issued to the State of Kansas. According to Spriggs, the bonds are much more likely to be bought than if the

university went straight to investors. By using the state as a proxy, Spriggs said funds will be much easier to secure and the length of the loan will allow the debt to be spread out over the years to ease the burden on the individual student. He also said that if the current trend of increases in enrollment continues, the debt would be shared between more students, decreasing the amount that each individual would have to account for. “Interest rates are extremely low right now so the faster we act the less taking out a loan will cost,” Spriggs said. “This loan would have an interest rate of around 4.5 percent, which is relatively inexpensive to what we would pay if we waited for the economy to completely rebound. This is a great time to start this project

because we’ll be hard pressed to find much better interest rates.” Though benefits of the building makeover could outweigh cost, Josef Lang, junior in interior architecture and product design, said that the increase in fees could turn students away from approving the project. “I think some people may be wary because of the increase in the privilege fee,” Lang said. “Anytime that you raise prices, you have to make sure that people know what they’re getting is worth the money that they are putting in.” Regardless, Lang said he was personally in favor of the project, saying that the initiative was “long overdue.” “Structurally, you want to make sure that you constantly update everything from

the foundation to the facade to even things like windows because it makes your building more efficient,” Lang said. “For example, if we still have windows on there that were put up in the 1950s, we’re probably losing a lot of money paying utilities bills that would be much lower with newer windows. Under this proposal, we would be updating the building to include technology that isn’t included in the current structure.” Others look at the potential investment in the Union as a way to create more positive publicity for K-State. The southwest entrance of the Union is one of the first things that visitors see when entering campus, and according to Brett Seidl, co-campaign manager of the Your Union campaign and junior in mass communications, the new look

could provide another incentive for prospective students to join the Wildcat family. “Aesthetically speaking, I think it will draw more people to K-State,” Seidl said. “It looks a lot cooler, and yeah part of it is competition. We want to offer the very best to future K-Staters and show them that we can offer them just as much, if not more, than other schools.” Seidl agreed with Lang in saying that the renovations should have taken place well before this year. “Right now we’re spending a lot of our money trying to pay for upkeep for a building that we’re going to eventually need to renovate anyways,” Seidl said. “If we pass this proposal, we can make the Union much more cost-effective and include all of the upgrades it badly needs.”

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ferred to K-State this year and opted to read this year's common book, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks," a non-fiction work by Rebecca Skloot. "I really enjoyed it, actually," Farrell said. "Having to read a book—I didn't know colleges did that, especially state schools. I thought it was kind of interesting that they did that."

While KSBN urges every student new to K-State to read the common book, it is not a requirement for all classes, so not everyone reads it.

Abby Staudenmaier, freshman in nursing, said she made it about halfway through "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" but stopped reading when she heard she would not have to read it for part of a grade in the classes she was taking.

"I was working two jobs, so I didn't really have time for it over the summer," Staudenmaier said.

Rachel Christie, freshman in chemistry, also opted out of reading the common book this year.

"I didn't know anything about the book. I hadn't heard anything about it, and usually when I read books ... it's usually books that I want to read," Christie said. "I didn't feel like it was required to read it, so I didn't really want to."

Christie added that "Ready Player One," a science-fiction novel, sounds

like a book she might enjoy reading.

Deciding which book to select is a yearlong process that brings together people from all across campus, Coleman said.

"We have a pretty open invitation," Coleman said. "Anyone who's interested in participating, who really cares about first-year students, is welcome to be a member of the committee, and it's a mix of students, staff and faculty."

The committee meets once in the spring to discuss selection criteria, and each member can then make one book recommendation. The committee then narrows the selections down and sends a shorter list of about three books out to the campus for feedback.

One book is selected based on campus feedback and the committee's opinion. The selection must be approved by the provost and the vice president of undergraduate studies before being officially announced.

Anyone interested in joining the committee can contact Coleman through K-State Libraries and can check out further information at the KSBN website, k-state.edu/ksbn/.

In past years, book selections included "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins, "Zeitoun" by Dave Eggers and, most recently, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot.

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HALO | Game suffers from poor maps

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development in the season may be divisive amongst fans, it's certainly intriguing to see her go. "Spartan Ops" was meant to be a replacement for the Firefight game mode Bungie made a staple. This shows in the mission setups, where you're provided with ample weaponry and then asked to go to town on waves of enemies. As a Firefight substitute, however, "Spartan Ops" feels like a cheap imitation. There's no penalty for death. You can just keep going till you win. And, being billed as a co-op experience, any solo players will likely get a less fulfilling experience. It's

still fun, but extremely shallow. Map design is arguably the game's greatest failing. Most areas are pulled from the campaign and multiplayer. And while they're executed well, the maps are constantly reused in multiple chapters. One well done map, Cauldron, was a better experience. Different areas of the map were used in different chapters. 343 seems to have rolled with this in season one's second half, as many maps such as Lockup and Apex have whole new areas in subsequent playthroughs, helping to alleviate map fatigue. "Spartan Ops" is a mixed package. It's a mostly-good story to help expand the Halo

universe. But a lack of good characters really bogs it down. It seems stuck between trying to be a Firefight replacement and a mini-campaign. But despite the gameplay, it is still fun thanks to Halo's great design. "Spartan Ops" kept players coming back to their Xboxes for ten weeks. And with its increase in quality between the first season's two halves, one can only wonder how improved a season two may be. And you really can't beat free. I give this game content three and a half out of five stars.

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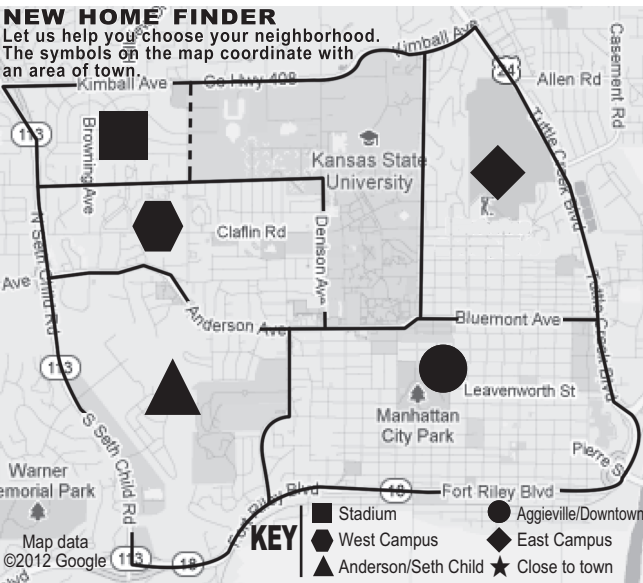
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Behind the scenes at Bramlage: K-State vs. Texas Tech, Feb. 25

Joe Swain
contributing writer

Editor's note: This article is the second in a three-part series.

5:05 p.m.
A patron stops Esquilin to ask him a question about seating, and Esquilin points him in the right direction. Staff is still trickling in for the event and being assigned to the areas they need to be.

5:06 p.m.
Bokelman notifies Esquilin that no attendant is present at the Legends Room entrances. Esquilin heads to the Legends Room to solve the issue and finds an attendant already there.

5:09 p.m.
Esquilin and the staff continue greeting patrons even while performing other tasks. He says this attention to the patrons is a key reason why Bramlage is coined, "The Best Fan Experience in the Big XII."

5:14 p.m.
The band begins to play the K-State fight song. There are 41 minutes left before tipoff at this point. The soft playing music builds into a full crescendo, showing the growing crowd that the band is ready for the game.

5:25 p.m.
Esquilin, already working on the next event at Bramlage, heads back to his office. The Kansas Class 2A High School Basketball state championships are slated for the following week.

5:30 p.m.
Students line up at the chain between general admission and iCat. Esquilin directs a staff member to drop the chain, allowing those who are attending the game for free tonight to experience the iCat section of the arena. This is slightly behind schedule, but the crowd doesn't seem to mind.

5:33 p.m.
Esquilin receives communication that more staff is waiting to be placed. He directs them to meet with security officials who will assign them to locations where security is short.

5:45 p.m.
Muller and Esquilin discuss game matters to make sure everything is running smoothly. Weather is still a concern, but the forecast keeps pushing back the snow. The storm is now expected to arrive just as the game ends.

5:51 p.m.
The student section is still slowly filling up. The students already in their seats boo Texas Tech as they run onto the floor.

5:52 p.m.
The color guard for the game is running behind schedule. They are seen running through the concourse to the elevator. Aaron Swofford, lead security on the floor, is sent to escort them to the court. The K-State team is shown on the JumboTron, doing their pregame ritual.

6:10 p.m.
The game is underway.
"We have a popcorn spill between sections 9 and 10," Esquilin radios to the dispatchers.
The dispatchers switch over to the associated channel for custodial staff and notify them of the spill. Within 2 minutes the staff sweeps it up.

6:15 p.m.
Back in his office, Esquilin checks the time sheets. The purpose of this check is to ensure everyone who is supposed to be at the event has signed the sheet. No issues have cropped up since an earlier problem with ticket scanning, but the impending snow storm is still in the back of the staff's minds.

6:27 p.m.
Esquilin is made aware of an issue with a patron who has gone onto the floor. He is told a cameraman got in the patron's way of viewing the game. The issue is resolved by talking with the patron about not stepping on the floor during the game. A media timeout is called and the ushers make their way to the game floor to assist fans and to ensure the crowd does not get on the game floor.

6:56 p.m.
Bokelman calls for the basketball championship sign-up sheets. Most staff spots have been filled. The toughest day to fill is March 9. The decision is made to use other staff for the spots that were not filled by Bramlage staff.

6:58 p.m.
Muller radios to Esquilin to reduce the staff in the building. Most doors will go down to one staff member and two supervisors. The call is also put out to other areas for anyone who needs to leave early, due to studying, classes or fear of weather.

7:06 p.m.
Esquilin begins his paperwork for the basketball championship. This includes staffing areas with people who agree to work. This is usually done in the back office away from rest of the staff. On a night with few to no issues, other events can be prepared for.
"You can never start too early prepping for a major event such as the high school championships," Esquilin said.

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1. While making his rounds, Adrian Esquilin reaches out to shake the hand of Nolan Regnier, sophomore in secondary education, before the beginning of the Wildcat's game against Texas Tech in Bramlage Coliseum.



2. Wildcat fans prepare for the basketball game against Texas Tech by holding up newspapers with "We Are K-State PROUD" printed on them at Bramlage Coliseum.

3. Adrian Esquilin anticipates newspaper falling onto the floor of Bramlage Coliseum before the game against Texas Tech.



4. The men's basketball team gets ready for their game against Texas Tech by dancing in front of the camera which is displayed on the center screens at Bramlage Coliseum.



5. Adrian Esquilin walks out of the tunnel into the center of Bramlage Coliseum as he begins to check on his staff just before half time at the Feb. 25 Texas Tech game.

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